

Retail Jobs Show Area Gain

Work is being done! Impressive gains in Los Angeles area employment levels and reductions in applications for unemployment insurance were reported for the month of August in the monthly Statistical Summary, released this week.

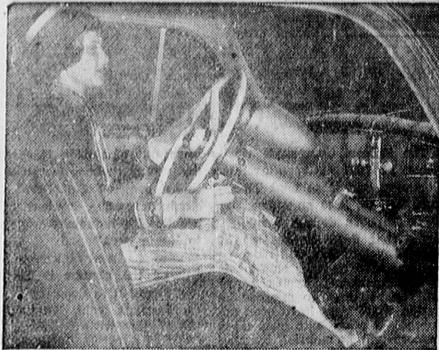
Retail employment registered a 5500 gain in Los Angeles County. Substantial increases were also shown for production worker employment in local manufacturing industries. Total claims for unemployment insurance benefits dropped from 14,699 in the week ending Sept. 16, to 13,951 for the week ending Sept. 23.

Compared with the base years of 1935-1939, which have been given an index reading of 100 by the U. S. Department of Labor, the "All Items" classifica-

tion in the Consumer's Price Index for Los Angeles was 171.0 for August, compared with 170.3 for the preceding month—an increase of 0.4 percent.

Volumes Tell State History

Gold is the Cornerstone, Land in California, and California Pictorial, three books commemorating California's past, will be published this November by the University of California Press. They are the first volumes to appear in Chronicles of California, a series of books the Press plans to bring out during the three years of centennial celebrations.



IT'S NEW—This idea of grouping all driving instruments over the steering column was introduced today on the 1949 Nash. Massive cylindrical jacket, shown here, is called 'Uniscop' by the manufacturer.

"They're a wonderful gang of youngsters," Gen. George Kenney, re. B-29 crews now in active service.

"The people of the United States had better do some tall

"Even government has its share in profits, since it shares them in taxation."—Nathan W. Shefferman, Exec. Dir. Labor Associations of Chicago, Inc.

"thinking."—U. S. Elder Statesman Bernard Baruch.

Migration Freeway Plan Would Force Homeseeking

A lot of people now living within the proposed route of the Harbor District Freeway just east of here will be looking for new homes in Lomita, Torrance and other nearby areas if present plans for the high-speed artery are carried out, it appeared today.

Thirty thousand homes will have to be removed from the freeway route as now selected, unless the routing is changed, according to Councilman Kenneth Hahn of Los Angeles and his brother, Assemblyman Gordon Hahn.

Present plan is to route the freeway south from Olympic boulevard on a line between Figueroa street and Broadway, approximately one and one-half miles east of Western. This would necessitate an expenditure of \$5,000,000 a mile to remove the homes along the route, the Hahns pointed out.

They suggested lowering expenses and alleviating hardships by swerving the traffic artery east on Olympic boulevard to Long Beach boulevard. From that point the freeway could drop south along the Pacific Electric right of way to the harbor.

A four-man committee, headed by Assemblyman Ernest Gesties of Pomona, took the proposal under consideration.

Three Local Enlistees for Army, AAF

Three Torrance men, one a veteran of the Medical Corps during World War II, this week enlisted for duty with the Army and Air Force.

The veteran, Armin Stehlin, 27, husband of Mrs. Dorothy Stehlin, 1517 West 214th street, chose six years with the famed Fourth Infantry Division, now at Fort Ord.

According to M. Sgt. James R. Callison, 1337 El Prado, recruit, one of the men chose Airborne duty. Victory Mendoza, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Quinones, 37, of 203rd street, will be assigned to a unit for parachute jump training after indoctrination at Fort Ord.

Bill Garner, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Garner, 803 Anapola avenue, enlisted for three years with the Air Force.

According to Sergeant Callison, Garner, a 1948 graduate of Torrance High, will go to Shepard Air Force Base for basic training.

Constabulary, First Division Men Sought

At the present time there is a concerted effort being made to recruit outstanding men for Army service in the European Command, according to the local Army and Air Force Recruiting Station, 1337 El Prado, Torrance.

To aid this program, special recruiting teams from the European Command are now touring the six Armies in the United States for the express purpose of enlisting men in the Constabulary and First Infantry Division.

Although veterans are on the preferred list, men without prior service will also be accepted for assignment to these European Theater units.

Since the number of enlistments for the European Command are limited, and the offer will continue only until December, it is suggested that any interested applicants contact the local Army and Air Force Recruiting Office, 1337 El Prado, Torrance, at once.

Potential Iron Widely Found, States New Treatise

A new treatise entitled "Iron Resources of California," Bulletin 129, issued by the State Division of Mines, now discloses that there are more than 100 iron deposits in California distributed through 31 of the 58 counties of the state.

"Iron resources of California have long been recognized as potentially capable of yielding high grade ores in quantities large enough to support a West Coast steel industry," the bulletin states.

The treatise describes in detail 13 of the principal iron deposits of the state and references to many other deposits are included.

"Great interest has been shown in the new publication," the Division said, "inquiries having been received from as far away as Moscow."

It did not say what kind of an answer will be made to the Soviet inquiry.

DIARY

I'm scared. Bob told me today that he might lose his job if Proposition 15 passes and that it would mean at least 40,000 other jobs lost. I can't bear to think of what would happen to us with the cost of living so high.

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Investments Showing Gain

Southern California individuals invested \$11,462,744 in Series E U. S. Savings Bonds in Sept., an increase of \$270,450 over the total of E Bond purchases in the corresponding month of 1947.

This report was made by J. B. Messick, of Los Angeles, state director of the Treasury's U. S. Savings Bonds Division, who also announced that investments in Series F and G Savings Bonds aggregated \$4,186,444, bringing the grand total for last month to \$15,649,189.

U. S. Savings Bond sales in Los Angeles county totaled \$12,483,000. Of the amount, \$8,937,000 went into E Bonds, and \$3,546,000 into F's and G's.

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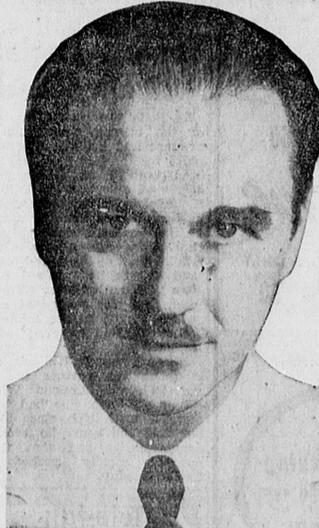
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